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HOT TIMES AT HAWESVILLE.

Recalled by the Recent Death of Hon. Geo. B. Smith.

Tom Low, With His Ever Ready Revolver, Kept Things Turbulent.

Finally Assassinated in Jail For the Good of the Community.

The recent death of the Hon. Geo. B. Smith, in Hawesville, recalls a series of sensational incidents in which he figured that many years ago put a stop to the career of one of the worst desperadoes that ever terrorized the vicinity of Hawesville.

Mr. Smith was a man of ability, held several county offices and was once the representative of the county in the Legislature, says the Louisville Times.

Maj. Kinney knew Mr. Smith very well. In speaking of his death to a Times reporter he said:

"He originally was a friend of Tom Low, a merchant at Lowport, not far away from Hawesville. Low was a small man and was noted for his desperate courage. He carried a revolver in his pocket all the time and was ready at a moment's notice to use it. He was very sensitive and often while talking with him and when you were apparently on the best terms with him you would unwittingly say something at which he would take offense. Without waiting for an explanation he would jerk out his revolver and begin shooting. It was therefore dangerous to have anything to do with him. In spite of all this, though, he was popular with a certain class of people and had many friends. They stuck to him like a leech, even after he had shot a number of people. None of them were seriously hurt, however, and when the cases came to trial he would be acquitted through personal influence. Smith and all of his family belonged to the know-nothing party in 1855. Low was a Democratic leader.

"One day some men were fighting in front of the store of Low and Smith separated them. This made Low angry and he rushed out and shot at Smith. The bullet struck his suspender buckle and barely missed killing him. Smith was also a game man and tried to get out his weapon, but he was seized by friends and taken away. Then Low was arrested and taken to Hawesville for trial. The case came up and Smith was placed on the witness stand. While he was giving his testimony Low took exception at something he said and pulling out his revolver shot at him three times while he was on the witness stand. He missed his aim, but Smith fell and broke his leg. Low was seized and when he was searched it was found that he had weapons on him with sixty-four loads in them. Besides he had a long, murderous-looking Bowie knife. This, of course, put off the trial. Low was released on bond.

"The next chapter of the story is brought out by the candidacy of Cleo Maxwell, who afterward became a very distinguished man for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney. As soon as it was known that Low was against him Smith came out strong and worked hard for his success. Jesse Taylor was his opponent, and during a speech made by Maxwell a paper was read, signed by two farmers, which made serious charges against Maxwell. He arose in the meeting and said it was a lie. The men whose names were signed to it came forward and examined the paper. They said they had signed a paper making some charges against him, but that this was not exactly what they had said. Then Maxwell said the man who wrote it was a liar. Low was in one corner of the room. He walked down the aisle and said in a clear, loud tone that he wrote the story. Maxwell sprang at him, and Low's hand went to his hip pocket, but before there was any bloodshed the crowd surged in between them and separated them. It was realized that this was not all there was to be of it, for Maxwell was not a coward and Low was always looking for a fight. Next morning Maxwell was riding over a bridge not far from the town. He was alone,

and the place was an isolated one. Just as he passed off the bridge Low stepped from behind a tree with a rifle in his hands. He told Maxwell he would have to retract the words he used or he would kill him. The latter was unarmed and things looked sorry for him. Suddenly Low turned his head and he saw an old farmer standing not far away with a rifle leveled at his heart. He knew the minute he pulled the trigger of his gun the old man would also shoot. With a muttered curse he lowered his gun and went away.

"Afterward he sent word to Maxwell and wrote him letters to the effect that he would cow him if he did not make the retraction demanded. Maxwell paid no attention to them, and finally Low sent a number of friends to see Maxwell with a letter in which he made several threats. The attorney turned toward the fire and threw the letter into it, telling the men this was the only answer he had to make. The next day Low came to the town with a wagon load of sixty-six men, all heavily armed. They went to the court house, and Low cried loudly:

"If Cleo Maxwell is within the sound of my voice let him come out. He is a liar and slanderer."

"George D. Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, tried to settle the trouble, but it could not be done. Finally they went into the court house, and as soon as Maxwell saw them coming he jumped over the bar and made for the door. In the meantime his friends had rallied to his assistance. Seeing one of them at the door with a double-barreled shot-gun in his hands he snatched it and emptied both barrels at Low. There would have been a free fight and many lives would have been lost had not Press Martin at this point jumped out and shouted that it was simply a fight between Maxwell and Low and he would shoot any one who attempted to interfere. As the participants were getting ready for the duel one of Low's henchmen was hidden behind a tree and he fired at Maxwell. Then Martin dropped him with a well-directed shot and yelled that it was then open for everybody. Low's men had deserted him by this time and the Maxwell men were in the majority. They made a rush for Low and the latter fled. He was finally captured and Maxwell proposed that he be given a pistol and that they fight it out there. Some one insisted that it would hardly be fair, as Low would be cowed with no friends there, and it was decided to place him in jail. After the case was in jail the excitement increased and a mob began to form. Press Martin stuck to Low and called to see him at the jail. He went out and argued with the mob, but they were determined to have the desperado. At last Low said Martin might go out and tell the mob that he would never try to carry another weapon if they would let the law take its course. This satisfied some, but Dave Cheek and a man named Richardson managed to get into the jail and shot Low to death. The Coroner's jury returned a peculiar verdict. It was justifiable homicide, and went on to say that Low was like a mad dog and was a good riddance to the community. Bill Anthony wrote the verdict.

"Nearly everybody approved it, but there were some who criticized Richardson and it angered him frightfully. There was one store where the people and the loungers were kept particularly bitter against him. He kept hearing what they had said about him, and at length he one day walked into the store with a market basket full of eggs on his arm and a cigar in his mouth. He leaned against the counter with a smile on his face, and then, taking the cigar from his mouth he touched off the fuse of the internal machine that was covered by the eggs in the basket. There was a frightful explosion that blew out the side of the store and ruined everything in it. The only man hurt was Richardson, the inventor of the machine. It was the first machine of the kind ever used in this State, and probably one of the first ever invented. This ended the troubles that had been brought about by Low, and there has been peace ever since in Hawesville. All of the participants who survived were prosperous and good citizens."

REDA.
A Godshaw went to Owensboro Saturday week to visit his family.

Mr. J. K. Tinsley, who has been sick for the past few weeks is improving slowly.

Mrs. Caroline Chapman is sick at this writing.

Mr. Wayne Stevens, Kinderhook, was the guest of W. A. Humphrey and family Sunday week.

Edgar Leach is confined to his room with sore eyes.

W. J. Bennett, of Stanley, visited in our community last week.

Rev. W. E. Cook has been at home the last few days.

U. S. Carson, Hartford, was in our town Wednesday week.

Mr. Malissa Stevens, of McLean county, is visiting her sister and brothers in this vicinity.

Mrs. W. A. Carson visited her mother last week.

LINCOLN'S POSTOFFICE.

Shown By the Records of the Department to Be in Accordance.

A curious bit of unrecorded history involving the name of Abraham Lincoln was unearthed by C. K. Gardner, Sixth Auditor of the Treasury Department, the other day, says the Washington Post. The Sixth Auditor's office handles the accounts of the Postoffice Department, and it appears from the records of that department that Mr. Lincoln, for the space of 3 years held the responsible position of postmaster at New Salem, Ill., an office that transacted a business of something less than \$100 per annum. Furthermore it appears from the records that Mr. Lincoln was, for some reason or other, short in his accounts, and that the balance was finally made good by him after a draft for the amount had been made against his sureties. The record of the Postoffice in the matter is as follows:

Statement of account with Abraham Lincoln, Postmaster at New Salem, Ill., May 27, 1833, to September 30, 1836:

Total net revenue during the above period . . . \$380.89

Collection drafts paid . . . 132.26

Balance due . . . \$248.63

A draft for the above balance was drawn against Mr. Lincoln and his sureties under date of May 20, 1837, in favor of William Carpenter postmaster at Springfield, and under date of June 14, 1836, Carpenter acknowledged the payment of the draft, as is evidenced by the following letter:

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Why Mr. Lincoln was removed—whether for offensive partisanship or whether the resignation was voluntary—is not explained by the record. Neither is it said how he happened to be \$248.63 short in his accounts with the department or why the account ran over so long. That it was satisfactorily paid in the end, however, is fully shown by the record.

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Look for Protection.
The Republican State Convention of Iowa adopted the following platform July 11:

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Not since "The Anglomaniacs" has there been so clever a society satire as Henry Fuller's "Pilgrim Song," which is published in the August Cosmopolitan. The problems involved in woman's use of a bicycle are so startling and so numerous, under the rapid evolution of this art, that one welcomes a careful discussion of the subject by a trained mind and so clever a writer as Mrs. Reginald de Koven. The Cosmopolitan illustrates Mrs. de Koven's article with a series of poses by professional models. A new sport, more thrilling than any known to Ninrod, more dangerous than was ever experienced by even a Buffalo Bill, is exploited in the same issue in an article on "Photographing Big Game in the Rocky Mountains," before shooting. The idea that ten cents for The Cosmopolitan means inferiority from a literary point of view is dispelled by the appearance in this number of such writers, as Sir Lewis Morris, Sir Edwin Arnold, Edgar Fawcett, Tabb, W. Clark Russell, Lang, Saxe, Zangwill, Agnes Repplier, etc. Nor can we entertain the idea of Hamilton Gibson, Denman, Van Schaick, Lix, Sandham, etc., figuring as the chief artists of a single month's issue.

The Annual Trip to Old Point Comfort and the Seashore.
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Old Locks.
The work on the Locks is getting along slow at present. There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction between the employees and two of the three bosses. There seems to be but one boss on the job that is liked and that is Mr. Harris, the boss carpenter, who I will say myself is a perfect gentleman. The men seem to think that Mr. Hall and Mr. Flannigan will have to be better to the men or give up their job. Some of these hot days has caused several of men to drop out. They were pushed so hard they could not stand it.

The Democrats of the Livermore precinct held a convention last Saturday week for the purpose of instructing delegates, but the vote tied and got into a general mess and the delegates went away unimpaired.

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